

sunday times

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship as we are wrapped in the embrace of our loving Creator!

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.



During the worship service today, **Emily Grace Mider**, daughter of Zachary and Kristen (nee Joyce) Mider, will be received into Christ's Church by the sacrament of Baptism. Her sponsors are Kerry and Anthony Durante.

2017 EASTER FOOD DRIVE

For the next three Sundays, the confirmation class will be collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Easter food drive. The collection sheets and bags with a list of items needed will be handed out after services. Gift Cards of \$10 to Shoprite or Pathmark, or cash will also be collected. Please return your food/gift card/cash donation by Sunday, April 9. The donations will benefit the food pantry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, East Orange and St. Clare's Aids Resource Foundation for Children in Newark. Thank you for your continued support!



Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ William Masetti (92), father of Andrew Masetti, had a double clip mitral valve operation on Tuesday. Please pray for a full recovery.
- ✠ Kevin Joyce, Kristen Mider's brother, is in a rehabilitation facility after recently being hospitalized.
- ✠ Bonnie Mider, Zach Mider's mother, is suffering the effects of chemotherapy.



HOLY WEEK DINNER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, APRIL 13 AT 6:15PM

Jesus instituted the Holy Supper during a full meal. Christ's celebration of the Eucharist did not begin as a bit of bread and a tiny sip of wine.

We invite you to a special supper during Holy Week this year. We will have dinner and informal worship where Communion will be served. It will be a creative experience with intergenerational dramatic readings and special music offered by the Bell Choir and Sean McGinity. Our supper will be an authentic Lebanese/Mediterranean spread with dips, pita and falafel, chicken and salad, baklava and rice pudding. We're asking for a suggested donation of \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 11. (Pay less if you need to. Any extra we collect goes to World Hunger.) Please make a reservation for your supper and give your donation at the table in the narthex on Sundays through April 9. If you are a senior adult who needs transportation to this service, please let the church office know. (Would you like to learn some of the music for this special service? Are you interested in participating in the intergenerational dramatic readings? All ages welcome. Practice is 5pm, 3/26 and 4/2.)



STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

We are blessed by God's abundant generosity every day. Opportunities to give are our faithful response to God's goodness. We encourage friends and members of Calvary to catch up on their 2017 giving, if you need to do so. Our current receipts for 2017 are \$7,000 behind where we were at this time last year. We are grateful for everyone's support in this ministry. It is a privilege in all of our lives to be part of this family of faith.

✧ EASTER FLOWERS 2017 ✧

Don't forget to submit your order form found in today's bulletin. **Deadline is Sunday, April 9.**



FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 9:15AM

This simple worship service for young children and their families will take place **Sunday, April 2. We gather in the church at 9:15am** for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. This brief service includes a story for the children, but not an adult sermon. We are focusing on the story of Palm Sunday and the children will be singing Hosanna as we praise our King! CNSCC children will also be invited to sing their Easter Chapel songs during the service. Peanut-free refreshments will be served after worship.



BAKERS NEEDED FOR 1ST SUNDAYS! We need baked goods and snacks (preferably peanut free) for April 2 First

Sunday service for young families. If you can help out, please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or email her at marysterling@yahoo.com.



BEER & BIBLE AT THE CRANFORD HOTEL IN CRANFORD, MARCH 28

This very informal group meets on Two Tuesdays every month. We gather at 7pm (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30 pm). Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.



New Jersey Synod
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NJ SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 12-13 will take place at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village in Princeton, NJ. Calvary needs to send two representatives from our congregations to this yearly Synodical gathering. The meeting begins Friday mornig and ends early on Saturday afternoon. Please let the church know if you can attend.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

has been rescheduled to **April 2**; we will meet as usual at **9:15 am** in the Betty Dahlquist room. All are welcome to join our friendly group!



TRAVEL TO GERMANY



STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA & PRAGUE, JULY 17 – 28

Join Pastor Carol in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the

Reformation by visiting Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. The trip is being hosted by The Rev. Dr. Michael C. Linderman and Dr. Johann M. Vento. The cost is \$3899 per person leaving out of Newark. If you would like to attend, ask Pastor Carol for a brochure.

EASTER CANDY AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please support the children's Easter Day Egg Hunt by donating peanut-free candy and plastic Easter eggs. There is a box in the church narthex for your donations. If you are willing to assist on the day of the Easter Egg hunt, please come to the 9:15am Children's Easter Service. Thank you for your support!



SHINING STARS "GOES HOLLYWOOD"



APRIL 7 or APRIL 8, 7:15PM
ORANGE AVE SCHOOL
Tickets are now on sale. Come see the talented special needs students of Cranford in their

annual talent show on Friday, April 7th or Saturday April 8th at 7:15 pm. Please click here for [Tickets](#) go to shiningstarsofcranford@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds benefit the Arc of Union County, as well as, a scholarship fund for special needs students!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Matt Spatz	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Rob Seavy	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Cliff Kaiser Brian McCarthy TBD	Dave TenBroeck(C) Barb Birger TBD TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 3/26	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music 3-5pm Cooking with the Confirmation Class 4pm Bell Choir Practice 5pm Confirmation Class 5pm Practice for 4/13 (Middle Eastern Maundy)
Tues 3/28	6:15pm Confirmation Class at Operation Warmheart
Thur 3/30	11am CNSCC Spring Chapel Service 1:15pm Midweek Worship
Fri 3/31	6pm First Communion Class in Youth Room
Sun 04/02	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am First Sunday in the sanctuary 9:15am Prayer Shawl Group Meets 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music Confirmation Class 5pm Practice for 4/13 (Middle Eastern Maundy)

Our office hours are:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tues and Thurs: 10:30am – 5:30pm

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